# Why? The Why Of Continued Faith And Obedience

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## INTRODUCTION

- Unless he truly becomes the king of my life and the king of your life, it will be to no effect.
- Why should we continue in faith and obedience?
- It's because of who Jesus is. It's because of who he was. It's because of who he continues to be to this moment in time in 2016.

## 1 Jesus Is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

**Hebrews 13:1–7; Hebrews 13:8; Hebrews 13:15–16**

- He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- Jesus is always the same. That's why we're here.
- The hard part of faith and obedience. It is to maintain and possess an unwavering confidence in Jesus.

## 2 The Summing Up of All Things in Christ

**Ephesians 1:7–11**

- From God's perspective, the greatest event in all history. The death of Christ at Calvary. And then his resurrection from the dead.
- In him we have redemption through his blood. The forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace.
- Everything about history has been all about the King of Kings.

## 3 Predicted in the Old Testament, Revealed in the Gospels

**Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53; John 1:12**

- Jesus was predicted from the opening pages of Scripture in Genesis chapter 3 and verse 15, when sin entered the world.
- He shall bruise you on the head. He's going to crush the serpent or Satan's power.
- He was crushed for our iniquities. He was smitten of God and afflicted from the way it looks.
- This one who had been promised came and lived among men. And his life was extraordinary.

## 4 Preached in Acts, Explained in the Epistles

**1 Peter 2:24**

- This Jesus, whom you crucified, God has made both Lord and Christ. He is ultimate ruler.

- But he has appointed a day, and we're closer to it than we've ever been. In which he will judge the world in righteousness.
- When I read the epistles, I get one thing out of it. God has expectations.
- If you're loyal to the risen king, this is what your conduct looks like.
- He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

## 5 Glory and Dominion Belong to the Lamb

**Revelation 12:11; Revelation 19**

- The word of their testimony, the blood of the Lamb, and they did not love their lives even unto death.
- Don't lose sight of this when you're going through trial and difficulty. He still sits upon his throne.
- Glory and dominion belongs to the Lamb.

## 6 He Deserves It, He Rewards It, He Equips Us

**1 Peter 2:24–25**

- The most critical choice you'll ever make relates to this kingdom.
- It is about creating yourself in the image of Jesus by the help and grace and mercy of our God.
- First of all, he deserves this. We should do it simply because he deserves it.
- But not only does he deserve it, he has promised to reward us, which we don't deserve.
- And he equips us for the journey. He helps us along the way.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you have confidence in that? Jesus Christ. The same. Yesterday, today, and forever.

MY NOTES